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For : ELASTIC ROLL, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SUCH A ROLL,
AND PROCESS OF REPAIRING THE ROLL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy (in German and an English language translation thereof) of a European Search Report conducted in European Application No. EP 01 10 0738, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the Examiner cited the following documents:

(1) WO 98/54405. This document was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated June 5, 2002;

(2) WO 94/09208;

(3) DE 195 43 555. This document was cited by Applicant in an IDS filed on February 28, 2001;

(4) US 4,368,568;

(5) US 6,493,938. This document is cited in the annex as a family member document of WO 98/54405; and

(6) US 5,733,235. This document is cited in the annex as a family member document of DE 195 43 555.

Copies of the above-listed documents (2) and (4)-(6) including the European Search Report (and an English language translation thereof) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Applicant, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (e), certifies that each item (i.e., items (2) and (4)) of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. This certification is not being made with regard to documents (1), (3), (5) and (6), as these documents are documents

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which have already be considered by the Examiner and/or family member documents of documents which have already be considered by the Examiner.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a First office action on the merits pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c). However, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) because Applicant has herein provided the required certification under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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